

# KENTUCKY MOUNTAINEER.

FOR THE RIGHTS OF THE MOUNTAIN PEOPLE OF KENTUCKY, NOT THEIR WRONGS.

VOLUME I.

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## Correspondence.

TO CORRESPONDENTS: Mail your letters early so they will get to us at least on Monday night. RULES: Write on one side of the paper only; write plainly; spell names correctly, and write "Cor" on the envelope.

Leave out neighborhood visits or we will.

If your letter does not appear, remember that it was either too late or that its contents did not justify publication.

We leave out a part, or all, of other letters as well as yours.

Our space is limited and we must leave out much that is intended for publication. That is one of the many unthankful tasks of the editor.

Correspondents get your LETTERS in early.

### JULIAN.

Mrs. Burns Blair visited her parents at Barnett's creek Thursday.

Albert Crace has been on the sick list for some time.

Bruce Trimble, of Barnett's creek, visited relatives here Friday.

Cleve and Bush, who has been suffering for some time with rheumatism, is improving.

Hon. B. F. Blair and family, of Paintsville, passed here Friday enroute to Paintsville.

Welcome.

### OIL SPRINGS.

Edgar Caudill, of Borderland, W. Va., has been visiting relatives at this place for the past week.

Mrs. Albert Crace, who has been very low with consumption, died Tuesday.

Simon Pickell is on the sick list this week.

L. C. Bailey was at Salyersville Saturday.

Joe Cantrill and family, of Whitesburg, are visiting Mr. Cantrill's father, Judge W. E. Litteral.

RELEHWH.

## Contrary Fork of Pricy.

### OUR NEW STATE.

A few days ago I told you of our plans for a new State. It was to be only six miles square but we may make it larger to have standing room for all who will come. We already have applications from many of Morgan and Magoffin's up-to-date gentlemen who appreciate my efforts in planning out this new Pludocracy.

In this new State we must have one law enforced to the letter. That law is hypocrisy. Under no consideration will a hypocrite be accepted. Our State shall be so different from other States that you will not have to inquire when you get into it. You will already know. We are not going to pattern our State after the United States which was manufactured long before you and I ever gazed into the eyes of our mothers.

We are going to have some originality. What of it if Jefferson and Franklin and Webster, Newton and Aristotle were great men? Don't we have great men today? A hundred years from now don't you suppose that the people will be cavorting and talking of the greatness of Ruie Johnson and Boomer Bill?

Now I know that some one will envy us and scorn at us as did the rivals of Jefferson and Aristotle, but what of that? Have I not proved to the people that I can prophesy? Did not the Missionary Baptists say I was a liar a few months ago? And now don't they say worse things about themselves than I

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## ED CALLAHAN DIES.

Assassins Bullet Enters Lung of Noted Feudist, Merchant, Politician.

Edward Callahan, well known Breathitt county merchant, ex-Sheriff and feudist, past away at 10 o'clock Saturday night, May 11, at Witherspoon's College Hospital, at Buckhorn about 20 miles from Jackson.

Shortly after being shot from ambush on Saturday morning, May 3, about 10 o'clock he was taken to the hospital, about five miles from his home at Crockett'sville, where he was attended by a Lexington specialist and local physicians. Pneumonia set up in his right lung, through which one of the bullets passed and he sank rapidly.

Callahan, it is said, gave out the following statement: "I will soon be at rest and I am willing to forgive all of my enemies. I want my people to live in peace and pull together and do the best they can. I have been trying to live in peace for the last five years and have interfered with the rights of no man and it was not right that I should be murdered while at home at work. I will meet my friends in a better world and I want my people to live right and come to me. I want my little boy educated."

No arrests have been made and there are no clues as to who is guilty of the assassination.

### MASS CONVENTION.

The Democrats of Magoffin county will meet at Salyersville May 25 to select delegates to attend the State Convention at Louisville.

B. W. Higgins, Chairman Democratic county committee.

Do not fail to subscribe for the Mountaineer when in town.

### A Complicated Vocation.

The country editor of this modern era has got his nose down to the grindstone and keeps it there 18 hours per day and 365 days in the year—or he falls by the wayside. There are men and women who quit work Saturday night and rest until Monday morning. They lay aside business cares at four or five o'clock in the afternoon and do not resume them until eight or nine the next morning. Not so with the editor. He has no elegant leisure; he knows no hours, no Sunday, no night; when he goes to a party, to church or on an alleged pleasure trip, it is all in the line of duty. He has at least fifty country exchanges and a dozen daily papers to read; he has to listen to questions from the school children about Socrates and Governor McCreary; he has to tell the men how badly Clark will beat either Taft or Roosevelt; he is compelled to tell the ladies about the fashion magazine. Withal, he has to be a cheerful, long-suffering soul. He returns good for evil. He writes windy puffs about social doings and in return therefor accepts a chunk of cake that would sink the Titanic. He notes the arrival of all the babies in the adjoining counties and strains his imagination in telling how pretty they are—the mothers being fascinating before them. He shouts about every enterprise that helps to make the community rich and about himself clothed in gunny-sack coats and one suspender and a hat with a downcast countenance. He glories over the garden truck of his neighbor and meekly eats his own repast of

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boiled greens and stewed red labels off tomato cans. He can write a sermon, an account of a prize fight, a political speech, an obituary notice, poetry, split wood, pitch hay, wash dishes, preside at a camp meeting, curry the horse, quote law or the gospel, or do anything else at your request.—H. G. Herald.

## MOUNTAIN PRESS

Arranges Strong Program for Summer Meeting.

The executive committee of the Mountain Press Association has announced the following program, which may be slightly changed to suit circumstances:

Friday, June 21, 1912.

2:30 p. m.—Business session.

Welcome—Col. Spencer Cooper.

Hazel Green Herald.

Response—S. J. Roberts, Lexington Leader.

"News and how to Discriminate"

J. Sherman Porter, Lexington Herald.

"The Women's Sphere in Newspaper Work"—Miss Goldie Perry, Winchester, Ky.

"Why a Member of the Association?"—Ben Sewell, Campton Courier.

Reports of Committees.

Constitution and By-laws.

Admission of members.

6 p. m. Social Session.

7 p. m. Banquet.

Dance.

Saturday, June 22, 1912.

"The Progress of Journalism in the Mountains"—A. H. Patton, Breathitt County News.

"Advertising Problems"—H. C. Chappel, Middlesboro.

"Pulling Together for Profit"—(round table).

Steve Vaught, Winchester Democrat.

Sam Hurst, Beattyville Enterprise.

Miller, Richmond Climax.

R. C. Parsons, Sandy Hook Echo.

James B. Hoge, Hazard Herald.

J. H. Edds, Harlan Enterprise.

Squire Turner, Mt. Sterling Democrat.

"Circulation"—M. F. Conley, Big Sandy News.

2:30 p. m. Business session.

"The Duty of the Press"—O. H. Pollard, Jackson, Ky.

"The Kentucky Press Association"—E. D. Sinnick, Shelbyville Record.

"The Mechanical Department"—H. G. Cottle, Licking Valley Courier.

"The Power of the Press"—Hon. W. J. Fields, Olive Hill, Ky.

"Come Join Us"—Smith Elam,

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### PUZZLERS.

Where can a man buy a cap for his knee?

Or a key for a lock of his hair? Can his eyes be called an academy?

Because there are pupils there? In the crown of his head what gems are set?

Who travels the bridge of his nose? Can he use, when shingling the roof of his mouth,

The nails on the ends of his toes? What does he raise from a slip of his tongue?

Who plays on the drums of his ears? And who can tell the cut and style

Of the coat his stomach wears? Can the crook of his elbow be sent to jail,

And if so, what did it do? How does he sharpen his shoulder blades?

I'll be hanged if I know—do you? —Boston Evening Transcript.

### AMBITION.

(Prize Essay by Hortense Howard, of Hendricks, Ky.)

Ambition is eager desire for superiority, power, honor or fame. One may endeavor to gratify the desire in a thoroughly objectionable manner, but when strongly developed it tempts one to adopt a tortuous or a tyrannical course with the view of removing obstacles to the attainment of his desire.

Ambition is a desire for superiority or excellence in any object of pursuit. Another definition of ambition is a desire of gaining mental or other superiority with a higher motive than that of excelling others. Ambition may be roughly divided into two classes: selfish and unselfish ambition. Selfish ambition is that which leads one to seek his own glory, while unselfish is that longing and stirring to reach the pinnacle of fame not for self glory or grandeur, but for the benefit of mankind.

There are many evils that follow in the train of selfish ambition. So great are these evils that Shakespeare says "I charge thee, fling away ambition; by that sin fell angels."

One of the most notable examples of this selfish ambition is Napoleon Bonaparte, a man of unrivaled genius. The social and political unrest of France at the beginning of the nineteenth century fed this craving for renown and he used every measure to establish himself at the head of the world. He began as one of the consuls but within a short time succeeded in having himself crowned emperor.

Beginning with these near by Napoleon captured the countries one after another, making them all submit to him, until almost all of Europe was under his control. At the head of each of these nations he put one of his relatives or friends. This disturber of the peace of Europe continued his movements until he had reached the topmost round of fame, and then he suddenly fell, and when he fell he fell like Lucifer, having done all for self he must die alone and in disgrace.

Benedict Arnold also was a man of this unfortunate kind of ambition. He bore his share of

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Do you say our paper is O. K.? Just wait until Memorial day.

Then we will make the MOUNTAINEER just twice as large on that day.

This is due to the hearty support we have received from the people of Magoffin county.

We extend to one and all for this encouragement our hearty

# THANKS.

the hardships of the Revolutionary War and won the admiration of all by his headlong bravery, but the test came. His love of country was not equal to his desire for glory, and having been publicly reprimanded by Washington, he turned his energy to the English where he was promised more money and a higher place. His purposes were detected and he had to escape to the British without surrendering to them West Point. He went to England and died there in poverty and disgrace.

Selfish ambition, on the part of two of the leading families in England, brought about the War of the Roses. Each claimed the Throne and almost annihilated themselves in trying to obtain the crown. In the thirty years war that ensued millions of dollars worth of property was destroyed, many homes were ruined and countless numbers of lives were lost as a result of this selfish and foolish desire for power.

Greece was the center of culture, learning and power. She became self-centered and corrupt and was finally overthrown by a stronger power. Rome in turn became the leading nation of the world. She surpassed all other nations, yet, she too, fell on account of her ambition. She lost her strength

and the German boards rushed down and conquered her.

Spain had her day of power, but she was not ambitious along unselfish lines and lost the hold she had on the world.

These facts might give the impression that ambition is indeed an evil, but such is not the case. On the other hand a life that is not spurred by ambition is an empty life.

The individual or the nation that is not stirred by ambition has no place in the activity of the world. Browning says: "A man's reach should exceed his grasp for what is heaven for."

If there is to be mental or soul growth there must be a striving for something higher and better.

The history of the world's progress is a slow revelation of what unselfish ambition has done.

In the field of invention we find ample material to prove the point: Men who have toiled unceasingly to work out some machine that would help or be a benefit to mankind, many of whom died never knowing the great good they had conferred upon humanity. Such men as Whitney who invented the cotton gin; Elias Howe, the sewing machine; Morse, the telegraph; Marconi, the wireless telegraphy; Edison, his wonderful talking machine.

Ambition led men to risk their lives on unknown seas amid perils seen and unseen. His ambition to give Europe a short route to India led Columbus to discover America. A similar ambition, too, led Hudson to discover the Hudson river and Hudson Bay. The French explorers along the St. Lawrence and Mississippi rivers were prompted by motives of unselfish ambition.

Ambition has given the world the great masterpieces of literature. We should not have Shakespeare's plays if minds spurred with great ambition had not existed. We should not have the music and imagery of Tennyson's poetry if he had not had the ambition to give the world his best.

Our great musicians were dominated by ambition.

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## WANTED!

Your neighbor to subscribe for the Mountaineer. He needs it and we need him. Will you help us in getting him?

If you will do this you will profit by it as well as we. The more subscribers the better paper. Our goal is 1,000 subscribers by July 1st.

Can we do it? We can if you will help. Give us a lift.

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From time prehistoric there has been a great wall separating the Mountain section of Kentucky from the Blue Grass lands.

The geologists have called this wall the subcarboniferous period, the railroads have called it a great "barrier" and the politicians the dividing or "dead line." This line has undoubtedly divided Kentucky against itself. The literal wall has been pierced in numerous places by railroads which should unite the two sections as one great commonwealth. Notwithstanding these facts it is almost impossible to get the Blue Grass people to support a mountain man whether he is qualified or not. They think themselves superior to us in blood and training. They think it a disgrace to elect a mountain Kentuckian over a Blue Grass Kentuckian. The writer having lived a few years in Lexington, the Capitol of the Blue Grass, speaks from personal experience. He knows full well that the young men and

women of the mountains pay a greater price for an education than does the sons and daughters of the Blue Grass people. He has been turned down by his own people in his own native section for some of these sons of the Blue Grass simply because he was born in the mountains. He has easily secured good positions in other States, but many of his own people are too ready to turn down a mountain man for a Blue Grass man.

This should not be. If we have a mountain man who is as well qualified as a Blue Grass man he deserves our support.

We are now coming to a conflict that will give us a test. The contest that we have in mind is Judge Kirk's race for Appellate Judge of the 7th district. So far as we know there is not a single reason why he is not worthy and well qualified for this position.

We believe that a man who has been Circuit Judge, as Judge Kirk has, for some several years is much better qualified for this important position than one who has not been so trained.

In the second place he is a son of the mountains. If he is as well qualified as a man from the Blue Grass section we think that the mountains should stand solidly for him. When we vote against our own men we weaken

our argument—that the mountain people are qualified and deserving. The Blue Grass people stand solidly for a Blue Grass man. If we do not stand by our people when they have worked hard and long to forge to the front then who shall we expect to stand by them?

Again we urge the mountain people to carefully weigh the merits of Judge A. J. Kirk with those of his opponents and if he is as well qualified as his opponents cast your vote for him—your next door neighbor.

A Jesse James show is going over our county and if you want your son to pattern after such a lawless desperado you should take him to see this show. Many a young man has begun robbing as a result of reading the robber novels and attending such shows.

If you would have law-abiding boys watch the company they keep and the books they read.

A crowd of young folks had a farm party at the home of Mrs. John Gardner Saturday night. Sam Metzger won a prize in a bird contest.

Prof. A. C. Harlowe has been elected principal of the Baptist school at Prestonsburg. We hope that he will make good.

## WORKING.

All persons interested in cleaning off the Prater graveyard near S. S. Elam's home, are requested to assemble there Saturday morning with suitable tools.

Ad Allen, a former teacher of this county, who has been in Oklahoma for ten years, left his family and walked back to his father's home at Bloomington. He has some derangement of the mind and is being treated by Dr. Kash, who thinks that it is not necessary to send him away.

It was through mistake that Wesley Hoskins' name was put on the delinquent list recently published in the Mountaineer.

Robert Reed, S. M. C.

"Skid Power, while drunk Tuesday advertised our county seat by taking a tumble from his mule into the street in the presence of a number of guests at the Phoenix Hotel.

Mr. Derias Atkinson informs us that he has sold seven heifers that he advertised a few weeks ago in the Mountaineer. He is amply paid, he thinks for his advertising as several of the purchasers would never have heard of them had it not been for this ad.

# Don't You Want a Trim, Aristocratic Looking Foot?

Of course you do, and you may have it. You know, it is all in the shoe you wear—all you have got to do is get the right kind of a shoe, and we believe we have got *that* shoe for you, at just the price you are willing to pay for it. Come by and inspect our

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The geologists have called this wall the subcarboniferous period, the railroads have called it a great "barrier" and the politicians the dividing or "dead line." This line has undoubtedly divided Kentucky against itself. The literal wall has been pierced in numerous places by railroads which should unite the two sections as one great commonwealth. Notwithstanding these facts it is almost impossible to get the Blue Grass people to support a mountain man whether he is qualified or not. They think themselves superior to us in blood and training. They think it a disgrace to elect a mountain Kentuckian over a Blue Grass Kentuckian. The writer having lived a few years in Lexington, the Capitol of the Blue Grass, speaks from personal experience. He knows full well that the young men and

women of the mountain

greater price for than does the sons of the Blue Grass has been turned down people in his section for some of the Blue Grass since he was born in the He has easily secured positions in other States of his own people and to turn down a man for a Blue Grass man.

This should not be a mountain man who qualified as a Blue Grass man deserves our support.

We are now coming to a point that will give us a contest that we have Judge Kirk's race for Judge of the 7th district as we know there is reason why he is not well qualified for the

We believe that a Circuit Judge Kirk has, for some time, been in a much better qualified position than has not been so true.

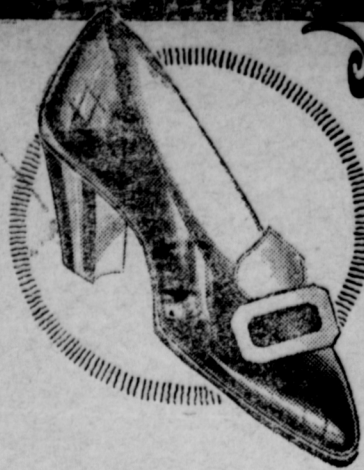
In the second place of the mountains. well qualified as a Blue Grass section of the mountains should be for him. When we look at our own men

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## LOCAL NEWS.

Cecil Henry, of West Liberty, was in town Tuesday.

Mrs. J. S. Cisco is visiting relatives at West Liberty.

Judge D. W. Gardner and family returned from Cincinnati Monday.

Jack Arnett and Harry Ramey were at Lexington last week on business.

Mrs. H. G. Gardner was at West Liberty last week on business.

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Nelson Salyer, Calvin's son, of Wireman, was in town Saturday and subscribed for the Mountaineer for his uncle, Keise Salyer, of Elias Prairie, Mo.

Mrs. Joe Allen, of Sublett, and Mrs. Alfred Keeton, of Heger, were brought to Dr. Kash's Sanitarium this week to be treated for female trouble.

## SIX FIRST CLASS, 18 SECOND CLASS, AND 8 THIRD CLASS CERTIFICATES GRANTED BY LOCAL BOARD. 22 Failed.

The County Board, composed of Miss Mae Hurt and Willie Williams students of the State Normal at Richmond, and our County Superintendent gave the following who secured certificates:

FIRST CLASS.	
Lizzie Mcoe	92
Josephus Howard	90
Patrick Borders	87
W. H. Caudill	87
L. B. Caudill	89
Francis Vanover	88
SECOND CLASS	
A. G. Howard	81
Raleigh Nickell	78
Lillie Mae Salyer	75
Fred Stephens	76
Calloway Mann	80
Bernard Whitt	83
Joe Howard	78
Mary K. Stephens	83
Samuel Bailey	77
June Hurt	75
J. M. Arnett	77
Noah Lykins	75
Harrison Cooper	77
Virginia Collins	83
Eugene Howard	83
Dorsa Hammond	78
James M. May	81
Virgil Higgins	81
THIRD CLASS.	
Alafair Wright	66
Pearl Mann	71
J. H. Coldiron	70
Una Howes	71
S. D. Lykins	70
Carrie May	70
Custer Patrick	66
Lacy Higgins	67

## The Wreck of the Titan

By Morgan Robertson

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REGRET IT if you miss reading a single chapter.

If you want one or two good milch cows call on S. S. E'am.

T. F. Arnett, of Russell, called in to see us yesterday and subscribed for the Mountaineer one year.

## SALYERSVILLE BOOSTERS.

If you must be operated on go to Kash's Sanitarium.

If you need an attorney or a physician see our professional column.

If you have money deposit it in the Salyersville National Bank.

If you get hungry go to the Prater House.

If you have the "roofake" see Dr. E. H. Atkinson.

If you want an insurance policy or a newspaper call on the MOUNTAINEER.

If you want to leave Kentucky let us know. We'll send you to Florida.

## \$1,600 Appropriated by Fiscal Court for Armory.

(Copied from Order Book.)

It appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that the Magoffin Fiscal Court by the provisions of House Bill No. 405, which was enacted by the Legislature of Kentucky Feb. 22, 1912, is required to furnish a suitable house for the purpose of drill and suitable rooms annexed thereto for the meetings of the command for administration work for the assembly of the officers and non-commissioned officers for instruction and for the safe keeping of military property, and shall provide said armory the necessary fuel, light, water, telephone service and necessary repairs or shall make a reasonable allowance therefor, and it further appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that the present armory rented by the Court for Company D. 2nd Ky. Infantry, is not adequate for the purpose herein mentioned and is not acceptable to the military authorities of the State National Guard, it is therefore ordered by the Court that a suitable site and armory be purchased, erected and established within the limits of the town of Salyersville, Ky., for said purposes which site, hall or armory shall be acceptable to the County Judge, Company Commander and Adjutant General of Ky., for which purpose there is hereby appropriated the amount of the current expense funds the sum of \$1,600 payable as follows: \$300 payable out of 1912, \$300 out of 1913, \$300 out of 1914, \$300 out of 1915, \$300 out of 1916, and \$100 out of 1917 levies respectively, which amounts shall draw 6 per cent interest from date, payable annually and be allowed upon the acceptance of the building to the contractors entitled thereto, provided however as follows:

That in the event the State Military authority out of the military funds in their hands elects to make an appropriation of \$800 for the purpose of aiding Magoffin county in the purchase of a site and erection of an armory, which armory when erected shall be the property of Magoffin county for the free use of the State Military authorities for the purposes set out in said act so long as they desire to do so. That in that event there is hereby appropriated and to be set apart out of the county levies of 1912, 1913, 1914 and 1915 the sum of \$200 each, which amounts shall draw 6 per cent interest, payable annually, and shall be allowed upon the completion and acceptance of said armory to the contractor entitled thereto and payable out of the current expense fund of each of said years.

The first appropriation herein of \$1600 for an armory for Magoffin is conditioned as follows: That in the event the State Military authorities elect to allow Magoffin county to build said armory without their aid then they are to enter into a written agreement of rental with Magoffin county for the purpose mentioned in the said act for a period of not less than five and one third years at the stipulated price of \$300 per annum.

Some of these christians would have doubted me had I said brother Jack Arnett will leave off drinking and cursing, etc. A

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## MORGAN ROBERTSON.

Interesting Career of the Author of "The Wreck of the Titan."

Morgan Robertson, the novelist who fourteen years ago wrote the prophetic romance "The Wreck of the Titan" and is, besides, the author of a long series of popular sea stories, is a thoroughgoing sailor and has acquired his "local color" in most of the seven seas. He is the son of an old time skipper of the great lakes, and his inherited love of ships took him at the age of sixteen aboard the Boston ship Ringdancer on a voyage to Shanghai. He remained with her until he reached Liverpool, where he shipped on another boat for New York. After that he sailed the lakes for a season and for the next seven or eight years varied his sailing experience between fresh and salt water cruises. Mr. Robertson gives a suggestion of the hard knocks received in his sailor days in some remarks of his about discipline.

"I served a long time before the mast," he says, "and during that service got kicked and cuffed into me such



Photo by American Press Association.

MORGAN ROBERTSON.

deep respect for authority that I can never meet a big brute of a second mate to this day—never meet anything that is labeled ship's officer—but I want to say to him 'Aye, sir,' and stand around for him. I got to be a mate myself, but the habit had got ground into me long before that, and it sticks. And I was not naturally too respectful of authority either. Even now, after twenty years away from the sea, as soon as I step on a ship I feel abject. I cringe before anybody with the voice of command."

But Mr. Robertson's experiences include many more than those of the sailor's life. He left the sea and learned the trade of watchmaking and, having become expert in that branch of the jeweler's calling, developed into a successful diamond setter. It was during his later years in the jewelry business that he turned his attention to magazine writing, and in a few years he had made a reputation as one of the best writers of sea stories.

Among his best known works are "A Tale of a Hero," "Spun Yarn," "Masters of Men," "Shipmates," "Down to the Sea" and "Sinful Peck."

Like Jules Verne and H. G. Wells, Robertson has the knack of making his tales of adventure so real and circumstantial that his readers are prepared to learn that some of his imaginary things have "come true." The remarkable fulfillment of his forecast of a great sea tragedy had a less conspicuous parallel in his engagement by a submarine boat company to develop the ideas set forth in one of his stories, "The Submarine Destroyer."

Mr. Robertson has given his notion of story writing as a sort of self-hypnotism. "You've got to get hypnotized by your idea," he says, "before you can get enough above yourself to write anything at all worth printing, and there's always the danger of that sort of thing going too far—going so far you can't get back." So he thinks Joseph Conrad writes his sea stories and Kipling and others dream stories that none of them could do if wide awake. "They are hypnotized by the men and women who are suffering the reality, though they may not know at all who these men and women are. So Victor Hugo got the stuff for his tales of horror, and so do all who do any creative work get their stuff, or some of it. And each and every one risks losing his individuality in the process. Ordinary mechanical brain work, adding up figures or composing English, tires the brain, to be sure, but does not hypnotize it as creative work does—does not uncloud it, as it were, from your own blind eye."

## Contrary Fork of Pricy.

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ever did? Would they have said had I prophesied that their Georgia preacher had been stealing crossties?

Some of these christians would have doubted me had I said brother Jack Arnett will leave off drinking and cursing, etc. A

# A Wonderfully Prophetic Story



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By MORGAN ROBERTSON

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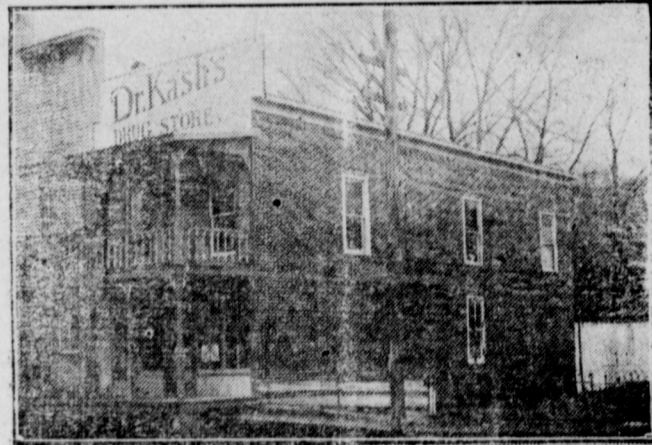
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great man can't tell all that he knows. He'd be lynched sure. I've whipped off of my subject. We don't care a cent whether we have a preacher or a church, but if we do we don't want the old kind. We want to be up-to-date if not a little ahead of the times in everything.

If we have a preacher we must have one that will carry a good gun all the time. If he does not carry a gun how on earth can he drive his flock? Some people don't have hog sense until they try to drive a bunch of hogs. Then they find that some are easy driven while others are stubborn and if only one bull-headed fellow is in the gang others will be influenced by him and there will soon be two or more distinct gangs. So we must have harmony in our State if our preacher must fight all the time to have it. If he is too chicken-hearted to fight for his cause he must get out where people don't have such up-to-date ideas as we do.

As I said we must have no hypocrites. If a man doesn't tell the truth he must have manhood enough to tell folks of it and not pretend to tell the truth. Otherwise he can't stay in Ruie Johnson's State. If a man is a thief he must not pretend to not be a thief or we will send him in to Kentucky. If a man lives in adultery what is the difference if he owns it and is not ashamed of it? If a man kills another he must not deny it. Our State in no instance will permit hypocrites to remain in it. We want to have law abiding citizens and must have them. That's why we are going to have it so easy to be a law abiding citizen.

Kentucky legislators have made quite a failure. You can't seine or dynamite for fish, you can't kill game at certain seasons, you can't fight a man, you can't gamble, you can't sell



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moonshine, you can't live with a woman without being married to her, you can't take a bushel of corn from a neighbor's crib if he is away from home, and you can't take a crosstie from the river unless some one says you're not a law abiding citizen. Think of how much more convenient it is to have just one violation—hypocrisy.

Boomer Bill was up town the other day and heard Squire Cole say that he was for the pauper. He said that Squire didn't think the Mountaineer had done the right thing in publishing those fellows names on the delinquent list that got mad.

Now Squire, if you can live up to the requirements of Ruie's State come down. We are going to do better for the pauper than your county does. Several of your people want your county out of debt. We are not going to worry about debts here. We'll make the debts and let our children and grandchildren pay them. We are going to let every pauper draw about ten dollars a month from the State. If that is not enough we'll increase it. Next week I'll tell you of the most wonderful sight I ever saw. Yours for the progress of our country.

RUIE JOHNSON.



## AMBITION.

(Con't from page 1.)

led by the highest desire to give the world something uplifting. As the result of the longing to help humanity we have the soul stirring creations of Beethoven, Mendelssohn, Mozart and many others.

Led by the desire to help this world we have such wonderful productions as Davinci's "Last Supper," Raphael's "Madonna," Michael Angelo's "Last Judgment," and Millet's "Paintings of Common Life."

Statesmen also have labored unceasingly for man's good as for example, Gladstone in England. It was he who brought to the common people the right of suffrage. By the reform bill which he caused to be passed the number of voters of England were almost doubled, thus really securing a government by the people. Later he brought about more religious freedom. These measures, we must say, were most assuredly y altruistic.

It is true Caesar's ambition was indeed gigantic, but not too much so, I suspect, for the mind in which it dwelt; for his character in all its features was gigantic. And no man ever framed his ambition more in sympathy with the great forces of nature; or built it upon a deeper foundation of political wisdom and insight.

Coming to our country Abraham Lincoln stands out conspicuously. It was he who ruled the United States in the crisis and preserved us as a nation. All this shows that

Lives of great men all remind us, We can make our lives sublime, And, departing, leave behind us Footprints on the sand of time; Footprints that perhaps another, Sailing o'er life's solemn main, A forlorn and shipwreck'd brother, Seeing shall take a heart again.

Every young person has within him the germ of true greatness. If his life is actuated by the highest and holiest ambition this germ will unfold and he will fulfill the position in the world's history for which he was created.

As Calysle says: "Produce! Produce! Were it but the pitifullest in-finitesimal fraction of a product, produce it in God's name."

"Tis the utmost that thou hast in thee:

Out with it then. Up! Up! whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with all thy might.

"Work while it is called today for the night cometh wherein no man can work."

Then since we must produce let us do the greatest things possible, not for self but for God, and let us say with Holmes:

"Build thee more stately mansions, oh! my soul, As thy swift seasons roll; Let each new temple, nobler than the last, Shut thee from heaven with a dome more vast, 'Till thou at length art free, Leaving this outgrown shell by life's unresting sea."

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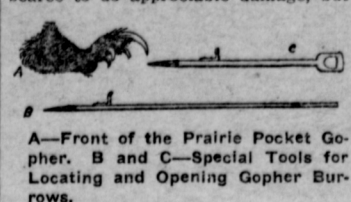
THE EDITOR.

## GOPHERS ARE CAUSE OF MUCH INJURY TO THE ALFALFA CROP

Many Other Field Crops Are Damaged by Little Animals in Many Parts of the West—Poisoned Food Being Introduced Below the Surface Eliminates Danger to All Stock.

(By T. J. HEADLEE, Kansas.)

Like most important field crops alfalfa constantly suffers from the attacks of many kinds of hungry creatures. Roots, stems, foliage, flowers and seeds serve to fill countless empty stomachs and to support myriads of living things. Most of the creatures which rely wholly or in part on alfalfa for their food are either useful or too scarce to do appreciable damage, but



A—Front of the Prairie Pocket Gopher. B and C—Special Tools for Locating and Opening Gopher Burrows.

occasionally some one species appears in such numberless hordes that the crop of large sections is devoured and great havoc is wrought. No other animal attacking the underground parts of alfalfa can equal or even closely approach the gopher in destructiveness. It has proven one of the most formidable mammalian pests with which alfalfa growers have had to contend. Kansas alone suffers a loss of fully \$800,000 yearly. This damage is not directly in the destruction of the alfalfa plant so much as it is in the interference with the work of cutting the crop and the loss by reason of having to cut the plant far above the ground, to avoid running into the mounds thrown up by the gophers. This loss amounts to about one-tenth of the entire crop. Besides the damage to alfalfa, there is a similar one to clover, timothy and native meadows, and the direct destruction of vegetable gardens and other crops.

The gopher has the external cheek pouches, strong lower jaws, fore feet strongly developed for digging, and very small eyes and ears.

The gopher tunnels hither and thither in search of food, at intervals digging short lateral burrows to the surface through which it pushes the excavated earth and dumps it outside, thus forming the mounds that indicate its presence and mark its progress. These animals are most active during the fall and spring, and one individual may throw up several mounds daily for several weeks at a time. During these seasons the work of a few gophers in an alfalfa field may cause the untold loss to the farmer. Although the animals are most active at these times



Method of Setting Gopher Traps.

they work only less vigorously throughout the rest of the year. Even in winter, whenever the ground is sufficiently free from frost, they throw up mounds here and there.

Many experiments in destroying the pocket gophers have been made, prin-

## CONCRETE POST NEVER WEARS OUT

Heavy, Smooth Wire May be Used For Reinforcing Them—Most Concrete Forms Are Triangular.

Concrete fence posts never wear out. To make them, forms of wood or metal are used. Where various forms are required, as corner post, brace posts or gate posts, probably wood forms are the cheaper. In case a large number of posts of one kind is to be used, metal forms are more desirable. They are lighter, more easily handled, and last longer than wooden forms. They also give a better surface finish to the concrete.

There are several kinds of re-enforcement. Perhaps the best is the commercial rods placed on the market for concrete re-enforcing. The more common materials for this purpose are heavy, smooth wire and galvanized barbed wire.

Most forms for concrete posts are triangular. Owing to its shape, and having re-enforcement in each corner, this post is almost as strong as a square one, and to make it requires less material and labor than for a square one.

The mixture of concrete depends upon where the post is to be used. One part cement to four of sand is good. For posts in isolated places, not subject to strain, a mixture of one to five is sufficient. Those used in a corral or around farm buildings where stock is kept are subject to constant strain and a mixture of one to three is preferable. This gives a more dense material when hard.

Protecting Wounds on Trees. Whenever a large limb is sawed from the tree the wound should be at once covered with wax or thick paint.

Scrubs Don't Pay. "Scrubs" breeds on the farm are very likely to keep you down to a scrub bank account.

cipally with gases, traps and poison, the results of which prove convincingly that the most effective and economical method of dealing with this pest is by means of poison introduced into food and placed in their runways.

Pocket gophers are easily poisoned. They are very fond of common potatoes, sweet potatoes, apples, raisins and prunes. The presence of strychnine, arsenic or other poisons does not seem to deter them from eating the food; but if the poison is sweetened they seem to eat it more readily. In summer it may be desirable to take the trouble to sweeten the poison, but in the fall and early spring it does not seem worth while to do this. The poisoned food being introduced to the burrows below the surface, there is no danger of poisoning stock. It might be well, however, not to let swine run in the alfalfa fields for a time after the poison has been put out.

Cut the potatoes or other food into pieces not more than three-fourths of an inch in diameter. Cut a slit in each piece and with the point of the knife blade insert a little sulphate of



A Double-Header Gopher Trap.

strychnine; as much as half the bulk of a grain of wheat will answer the purpose. The moisture from the potato will cause the poison to adhere to the blade. Prepare the bait in sufficient quantity before going to the field.

Whatever sort of bait may be used, success depends upon introducing it into fresh runways. Choose fresh-looking mounds and prod on the line between them with a wagon rod or sharpened broom handle to locate the runway; or, failing there, prod about the freshest mounds. The sudden giving of the soil and the apparent looseness of the stick in it is sufficient to show that the runway has been located. Remove the prod and drop a teaspoonful of the poisoned bait into the burrow, leaving the hole open. Level the mounds with some sort of a drag, and as soon as new ones appear locate the burrows and put poison into them.

In case the area to be treated is large some sort of a special instrument for locating the runways is desirable. A very good one can be made from a spade handle by covering the pointed end with iron and fastening a foot rest about 15 inches above the point.

By the use of the means just described the enterprising farmer can rid his land of gophers and keep them out of it. Once the farm is freed, the vigilance and prompt treatment necessary to keep it so will require but little time and effort.

For Private Telephone Service. Many British business men are of the opinion that England would have a better telephone service if it were out of the government's hands.

Raisins as Staff of Life. The life of Cuba is largely sustained by raisins, its people consuming the fruit more generally than any other of the Spanish-American colonies.

Earthquake Shocks Common. Earthquake shocks in Japan are very common. They average more than five hundred a year.

No Time for Good Work. One of the characteristics of the present day is that everything is done with a rush.

Daily Thought. Guard well thy thought; our thoughts are heard in heaven.—Young.

It may have been noticed that no aviators have been seen skylarking around since the hunting season opened.

As it costs 5 cents to send a letter to China the revolution will not receive as much advice as it might otherwise.

The Harvard professor who claims that he is able to catch fish with noise probably did his experimenting with suckers.

They talk of the eye kiss, the soul kiss and other modern inventions, but what's the matter with the old-fashioned smack?

A New York cook has been arrested for stealing a steak. Still his sentence oughtn't to be as severe as though he had stolen an egg.

The New York man who is looking for a wife that doesn't wear rats, puffs or hobble skirts might not want her if he found her.

## The KITCHEN CABINET

THE clouds that cover the sunshine. They cannot banish the sun, And the earth shines out the brighter When the weary rain is done. We must stand in the deepest shadow To see the clearest light; And often through wrong's own darkness Comes the very strength of light.

## HINTS FOR THE HOUSEKEEPER.

This is the season of the year when we get our best nuts, and those who are living without meat find they prove a good substitute.

Olive oil, cream and butter are all valuable foods and should be used freely.

The plan of keeping a house purse downstairs near at hand will save many steps and much time.

Cookies and cakes in stone jars with pieces of orange or lemon peel will find them delicately flavored.

A child's broom will be found most useful in sweeping under heavy pieces of furniture or in small spaces where it is not easy to use a broom.

Keep two calendars at hand; they will be found most useful, one to tear off, the other to keep to refer back to past dates when necessary.

A dainty little ruching for the house dress is made of the footing of lace used a good deal a few years ago. Baste or plait on double to a narrow binding, and put into the necks of all the washable morning dresses. These ruchings launder well.

A very easy way to tint lace any desired color is to use oil paints, the kind which comes in small tubes used by artists. Thin it with gasoline and dip a small piece of lace to get the right shade.

To make handkerchiefs look like new that have been washed, iron when very damp, or add a very little starch to the rinse water.

Instead of sweeping the carpets so much with a broom, cover the broom with a bag, dampen slightly and rub it over the carpet in the direction of the pile. It will not be necessary to sweep it so often.

Before writing a letter, a great help is to jot down items which may be written about; in that way a good letter is written and when it is sealed and on its way one is not so apt to remember that the most important thing was left unsaid.

Nellie Maxwell.

He worked and slaved all his life to move a big stone from one place on this earth to another, and then he died, and the undertaker put his body under the stone—and that is the whole story.

Mice are being used by a Chicago woman scientist in the study of cancer. Does she stand on the table to do her studying?

St. Louis Doctor's wife wants a divorce because her husband never kisses her except by mail. Evidently he is afraid of microbes.

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